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MOHS PRE-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

Mohs or micrographic surgery is a specialized technique for the removal of certain types of skin cancers, such as basal cell and squamous cell carcinoma. This procedure offers the highest chance for complete removal of the cancer, while sparing the normal, healthy tissue. More information on Mohs Surgery is available on our website, including a helpful video.

BEFORE SURGERY:

IF YOU ARE PRESCRIBED BLOOD THINNERS BY A PROVIDER, DO NOT DISCONTINUE.

- If you usually require antibiotics prior to dental work, please let the office know at least 24 hours prior to surgery. Medical conditions that sometimes require preoperative antibiotics include artificial heart valves and joint replacements.
- If you were prescribed pre-operative antibiotics, take one hour prior to appointment.
- On the morning of surgery, eat a light breakfast. If you are diabetic, make sure to bring a snack and insulin. If you are having an outside repair, you must receive permission to eat from your surgeon.
- We recommend wearing a button down shirt that will not disrupt your bandage when changing later that night.
- We recommend taking a shower or bath prior to your procedure since the surgical site will need to stay dry for 24 hours. Please do not apply makeup or lotion prior to your appointment.

Length of appointment varies from 1-3 hours. The same local anesthetic used for your biopsy will be used for this procedure so you are safe to drive. If you should choose to bring someone with you, they will be asked to remain in the waiting room.

Recommended items for wound care:

- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Gauze pads
- Surgical tape
- Non stick gauze pads
- Aquaphor or Vaseline ointment
- Band-aids
- Ice Pack or bags of frozen peas/corn

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